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| Hideaki ITO et al.            | )                           |
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| For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING | )                           |
| AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM      | ) Date: May 1, 2006         |

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: